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FOR SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR:

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER

1. I MOST RESPECTFULLY SUGGEST THAT IT WOULD BE ADVANTAGEOUS IF YOU COULD GRANT IRISH FOREIGN MINISTER GARRET FITZGERALD'S REQUEST FOR A MEETING WITH YOU IN THE NEAR FUTURE. KNOWING THE INCREDIBLE BURDENS YOU ARE CARRYING I HAVE BEEN RELUCTANT TO PRESS FOR SUCH A MEETING BUT I FEEL OUR SITUATION CALLS FOR IT.

2. IRISH ATTITUDES ON US/EC MATTERS ARE PARTLY ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE FACT THAT THE FRENCH HAVE CULTIVATED IRELAND AND THAT DR. FITZGERALD KNOWS EUROPE AND EUROPEANS MUCH BETTER THAN HE KNOWS THE UNITED STATES. DR. FITZGERALD IS QUITE FRANKLY EAGER FOR A MEETING WITH YOU WHICH COULD ESTABLISH A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP. WE BELIEVE THIS WOULD BE ESPECIALLY HELPFUL, BOTH WITH REGARD TO THE PRESENT STATE OF US/EC RELATIONS AND WITH REGARD TO THE ASSUMPTION BY IRELAND OF THE EC PRESIDENCY IN 1975. HE IS WELL EDUCATED, OF SUPERIOR INTELLECT, IS AN OUTSPOKEN ADMIRER OF YOUR PERSONAL QUALITIES, AND HAS READ ALL OF YOUR WRITINGS HE CAN GET HIS HANDS ON. I AM CERTAIN THAT A ONE-TO-ONE MEETING WITH HIM WILL BE BOTH ENJOYABLE AND PRODUCTIVE. ALTHOUGH YOU DID MEET AND CONVERSE WITH DR. FITZGERALD IN WASHINGTON AND BRUSSELS, IRISH FOREIGN OFFICE CONTINUES TO FEEL IRELAND IS ONLY EC COUNTRY WHOSE FONMIN HAS NOT HELD ONE-TO-ONE MEETING WITH SICSTATE.

3. DR. FITZGERALD HAS ACCEPTED INVITATIONS TO SPEAK AND
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RECEIVE HONORARY DEGREES AT NEW YORK UNIVERSITY ON THE AFTERNOON OF MAY 9 AND ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY FORENOON OF MAY 10, RETURNING

TO EUROPE ON MAY 12. HE PLANS TO FLY FROM BRUSSELS ON MAY 8
ARRIVING WASHINGTON ABOUT 1300. WE UNDERSTAND NATIONAL PRESS CLUB
ARRANGING A TALK BY HIM AFTERNOON OF MAY 8. IF YOUR SCHEDULE
WOULD PERMIT YOU TO FIT HIM IN AFTERNOON OR EVENING OF MAY 8 OR
MORNING OF MAY 9 IT WOULD BE IDEAL. IF THIS IS IMPRACTICABLE AN
INVITATION ISSUED NOW FOR A FUTURE DATE WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL.
INDEED IF YOU COULD WORK IT OUT ON ONE OF YOUR TRIPS SO THAT YOU
AND MRS. KISSINGER COULD STOP BRIEFLY AND PAY AND ENROUTE CALL ON
THE IRISH IN DUBLIN THAT WOULD BE A HOME RUN FOR OUR SIDE AND
YOU WOULD RECEIVE A TREMENDOUS WELCOME.
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